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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 22-26, 29, and 31-43, and amend claims 15, 17, and 20 as indicated among the following complete set of pending claims:

Claims 1-14 (Previously Canceled)

Claim 15. (Currently amended) A motor vehicle comprising:

a vehicle body including a front end and a rear end of the vehicle body, the vehicle body extending[[longitudinally]] from the front end to the rear end of the vehicle body in a fore and aft direction generally parallel to a direction of travel of the vehicle, the vehicle body also extending laterally from side to side in a direction that is a generally transverse direction relative to the direction of travel of the vehicle;

[[structure forming]]at least one body receiver in the vehicle body, said body receiver having structure forming the at least one body receiver, the structure of the body receiver defining a length extending in the transverse direction, the structure of the body receiver also defining an opening in the vehicle body, wherein the opening has a width; and

the length of the body receiver being greater than the width of the opening of the body receiver, said length of the body receiver[[and]] extending[[longitudinally]] in a direction that is generally horizontal and[[a transverse direction relative]] non-parallel to the fore and aft direction, wherein the body receiver opens out through a side wall of the vehicle body;

at least one accessory selectively received in the at least one receiver.

Claim 16. (Original) The motor vehicle of claim 15, wherein the accessory comprises one or more of: a ladder rack, an electrician's reel, a barbecue accessory, a tool supporting table, a winch, a hunting accessory, a fishing accessory, a bike rack, a ski rack, a ramp, a width extension, and a length extension.

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Claim 17. (Currently amended) The motor vehicle of claim 15, wherein:

the structure forming the at least one body receiver comprises a socket formed by[[an]]
the opening disposed in the body;

the accessory includes an insert connected to the accessory and selectively located in
the socket in a deployed state supporting the accessory on the body.

Claim 18. (Original) The motor vehicle of claim 17, wherein:

the structure provides the socket as a lengthwise horizontal socket; and

the insert comprises a shaft having a longitudinal axis disposed horizontally when the
insert is in the deployed state.

Claim 19. (Original) The motor vehicle of claim 18, wherein:

the body receiver is a first body receiver;

the motor vehicle further comprising a plurality of body receivers including said first
body receiver.

Claims 20. (Currently amended) The motor vehicle of claim 19, wherein[[:]] the plurality of
body receivers comprises at least one lengthwise vertical socket[[; and

the insert is selectively received in the lengthwise vertical socket with the longitudinal
axis of the insert disposed vertically.]]

Claim 21. (Previously Presented) The motor vehicle of claim 20, wherein the plurality of
body receivers comprises a plurality of lengthwise horizontal sockets including the lengthwise
horizontal socket.

Claims 22-26. (Canceled)

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Claim 27. (Previously Presented) The motor vehicle of claim 19, wherein the plurality of body receivers is added to the body of the vehicle.

Claim 28. (Original) The motor vehicle of claim 15, wherein the vehicle includes a plurality of accessories including the at least one accessory.

Claim 29. (Canceled)

Claim 30. (Previously Presented) The motor vehicle of claim 17, further comprising:

a hole in a wall of the socket;

a hole in the insert; and

a pin engaged through the hole in the wall of the socket and through the hole in the insert to hold the insert in the socket against inadvertent separation therefrom.

Claims 31-43. (Canceled)